



**CITY OF TUCSON  
COMMISSION ON DISABILITY ISSUES  
(CODI)  
Meeting Minutes**

**The meeting of the Tucson Commission on Disability Issues was called to order by Chair Cyndi Segroves on Wednesday, October 21, 2009, at 2:32 p.m., in the Conference Room, at the Ward 6 Office, 3202 E. 1st Street, Tucson, AZ.**

**1. Roll Call**

**Commission Members Present:**

Susan Zimmerman  
Amit Algotar  
John Zimmerman  
Vacancy  
Pamela Rhatigan  
Cyndi Segroves, Chair  
Robert Blizzard  
Will Bond, Vice Chair  
Jeffrey Handt  
Vacancy  
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**Representing:**

Mayor  
Ward 1  
Ward 2  
Ward 3  
Ward 4  
Ward 5  
Ward 6  
Mayor/Council  
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City Manager  
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City Manager

**Absent/Excused:**

**Staff Members Present:**

Rick Guerra, Recording Secretary City Clerk's Office

## **2. Introduction of Potential CODI Members – Discussion/Recommendation/Action**

Chair Segroves introduced Lisa Degiorgio, Chandra Purnell-Bond and Christa St. Peter who announced their interest in joining the Commission.

It was moved by Commissioner S. Zimmerman, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 8 to 0 to recommend Lisa Degiorgio, Chandra Purnell-Bond and Christina St. Peter to the CODI Commission.

## **3. Staff Reports – Discussion/Recommendation/Action**

- a. Equal Opportunity Programs – No report was given.
- b. ADA Eligibility/Transportation – John Zukas reported that for the month of September, there were:
  - Two hundred fifty-seven (257) applications requested.
  - Three hundred sixty (360) applications received.
  - Thirty-seven (37) returned as incomplete.
  - Three hundred sixty-three (363) ADA eligibility applications processed.
  - One hundred fifty-eight (158) new applications.
  - Two hundred five (205) re-certifications.
  - Sixteen (16) of the new applications denied as was five (5) of the re-certification applications.

This constituted 5.79% of the applications being denied of the total processed, two (2) ADA appeals scheduled and two (2) sustained. The average number of days to process ADA applications was 2.82.

- c. Sun Tran – Patrick McGowan reported for the month of September, there were:
  - One (1) ADA issue of which one (1) was chargeable.
  - No Sun Tran operators attended the special needs Transit Ambassador Training.

- Two (2) customer service presentations made to the community reached over forty (40) consumers.
  - Eight (8) participants attended the Sun Tran Accessible Rider Training (START) for a total of thirty-two (32) hours.
  - Over forty thousand (40,000) customer information center phone calls answered.
- d. Sun Van – Patrick McGowan reported for the month of September, there was a/were:
- Thirty-three (33) Sun Van complaints received of which nine (9) were correctable.
  - Thirty-nine thousand, seven hundred nine (39,709) actual passenger count.
  - 1.1% Sun Van rider ship decrease from last year.
  - 94.24% “on-time” On time pick-ups.
- e. Parks & Recreation – Susan Jensen reported:
- Construction improvements at Demeester/Reid Park.
  - The Spring 2010 Program Guide & Class Catalog would be available November 9th.
  - Registration for Special Olympics Young Athletes Program began.
  - Parks & Recreation earns State award for “Kids Triathlon”
  - Registration for Senior Olympics Festival began.
  - Edith Ball Adaptive Recreation Center celebrated their 5th Year Anniversary.

#### **4. Call to the audience**

None

- 5. Break** – Recessed at 3:09 p.m. and reconvened at 3:24 p.m. All members present as they were at the start of the meeting.

#### **6. Chairperson’s Summary of Current Events – Informational Only**

Chair Segroves announced the Sun Tran’s new bus facility celebration was October 22nd. She also said she was Tucson’s

Disability Examiner and was writing various articles on the subject of disability here in Tucson.

Chair Segroves stated she spoke with Sat Bir Khalsa, Human Relations Commission. Ms. Khalsa was working on resurrecting the Hate Crime Task Force and looking for a CODI representative that might be interested in serving on the task force.

## **7. Commission Members' Summary of Current Events – Informational Only**

Commissioner Blizzard announced he met with the City of Tucson regarding the reconstruction of the Martin Luther King (MLK) Building and the possibility of CODI participating in the review of floor plans and accessibility issues. He said the building would house low income, disability and elderly tenants.

Commissioner Blizzard also announced that Venture West lost the suit and now had to put in all curb cuts at Tanque Verde Place.

Commissioner Algotar announced he was still working on resolving a ramp issue with a restaurant that had a ramp where the incline was too steep.

Commissioner Bond announced he had been asked to present at the Black Association of Retired Veterans Conference in Phoenix and for the Society for HR Management (SHRM) here in Tucson. He also said he had been contacted by companies/corporations in Tucson to teach their upper management about disability and inclusion.

## **8. Subcommittee Reports – Informational Only**

a. Housing - No report was given.

b. Public Relations/Education - Commissioner Bond reported having met with the Palo Verde Holiday Inn to sign all contracts for the conference. He mentioned that the website for the conference was up and running and one hundred forty eight (148) guests had registered. He said with those growing numbers, a larger location might be needed for next year. The CODI conference was the

only one of its type in the State of Arizona, which was not just an Expo but also had an informational breakout session.

- c. Services/Programs/Activities/Architectural Barriers (SPAA) -  
No report was given.
- d. Transportation - Commissioner Blizzard announced the City of Tucson had a new street named Sun Tran Boulevard which was located north of Prince Road where Sun Tran's new bus facility was. He said he made a point to the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) that CODI was not just interested in para-transit but in fixed route systems as well because not all people with disabilities could ride para-transit. RTA agreed to keep in touch with CODI on the transportation work group for the RTA.
- e. Employment - Commissioner S. Zimmerman reported the next meeting would be November 18th.
- f. Legislation - Commissioner J. Zimmerman reported the next meeting would be November 18th.

**9. CODI Conference – Discussion/Recommendation/Action**

(Item discussed under 8b)

**10. Accessible Clean Air Taxis –  
Discussion/Recommendation/Action**

Discussion ensued.

It was moved by Commissioner J. Zimmerman, duly seconded, to continue progress of Accessible Clean Air Taxis and was carried by a voice vote of 7 to 1 (Commissioner Handt abstained).

**11. Budget Report and Expenditures –  
Discussion/Recommendation/Action**

Rick Guerra, City Clerk's Office, Recording Secretary, reported the remaining funds in the budget for fiscal year 2009 – 2010 were \$3,790.

## **12. Future Agenda Items**

- Recognize businesses that go above and beyond
- Attending the Southwest Conference
- Air Taxis Presentation

## **13. Adjournment – Meeting was adjourned at 4:11 p.m.**